

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 12, 14 and 16 according to the following claim listing, in which deleted terms are indicated with strikethrough and/or double brackets, and new terms are indicated with underscoring. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) In a vehicle of the type comprising a door, and a window glass supported for slidable movement with respect to said door, the improvement comprising improved supporting structure of said window glass in said vehicle, the improved supporting structure comprising:

a window runner, which comprises:

a junction which is fixed to the window glass, and

an engagement part, which is operatively connected to the junction and engaged with a guide rail provided at the vehicle's cabin side and is moved in the ups-and-downs direction of the window glass,

wherein the junction has a cross-sectional width which is greater than a cross-sectional width of the engagement part, and

wherein the window runner is adhesively bonded to the vehicle's cabin side surface of the window glass through the junction.

2. (Previously Presented) A supporting structure of a window glass of a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein

a dimension in the ups-and-downs direction of the junction is larger than a dimension in the fore-and-rear direction of the junction.

3. (Currently amended) ~~A supporting structure of a window glass of a vehicle~~

~~according to claim 1, In a vehicle of the type comprising a door, and a window glass supported for slidable movement with respect to said door, the improvement comprising improved supporting structure of said window glass in said vehicle, the improved supporting structure comprising:~~

~~a window runner, which comprises:~~

~~a junction which is fixed to the window glass, and~~

~~an engagement part, which is operatively connected to the junction and engaged with a guide rail provided at the vehicle's cabin side and is moved in the ups-and-downs direction of the window glass,~~

~~wherein the window runner is adhesively bonded to the vehicle's cabin side surface of the window glass through the junction,~~

~~wherein the window glass is composed of a first window piece, which is placed in an external side of the vehicle, and a second window piece, which is placed in a vehicle's cabin side,~~

~~and wherein the junction of the window runner is sandwiched between the first window piece and the second window piece, and one side surface of the junction is bonded to the first window piece, and the other side surface of the junction is bonded to the second window piece.~~

4. [canceled]

5. (Currently Amended) A supporting structure of a window glass of a vehicle, the supporting structure comprising;

a guide rail, which is provided along a transfer direction of the window glass; and

a plurality of spaced-apart window runners, which ~~[[is]]~~ are fixed to the window glass from a vehicle cabin side with selected window runners lined up along the transfer direction of the window glass, and which operatively engage~~[[s]]~~ with the guide rail,

wherein the window glass has an exterior surface, wherein the window runners [[is]] are entirely disposed inboard of the exterior surface of the window glass, and wherein the window runners move~~[[s]]~~ along the guide rail, when the window glass is transferred.

6. [canceled]

7. (currently amended) A supporting structure of a window glass of a vehicle according to claim 5, wherein

said plurality of spaced apart the window runners include~~[[s]]~~

a first window runner which is placed on one side of the window glass, and

a second window runner which is placed on other side of the window glass,

and wherein

the guide rail includes

a first guide rail to be engaged with the first window runner, and

a second guide rail to be engaged with the second window runner.

8. (Previously Presented) A supporting structure of a window glass of a vehicle according to claim 2, wherein said dimension is length.

9. (Previously Presented) A supporting structure of a window glass of a vehicle according to claim 3, wherein said first and second window pieces are laminated together.

10. [canceled]

11. (Previously presented) A supporting structure of a window glass of a vehicle according to claim 5, wherein said window runner is adhesively bonded to a vehicle cabin side surface of said window glass.

12. (Currently amended) A supporting structure of a window glass of a vehicle according to claim 5, the supporting structure comprising:

a guide rail, which is provided along a transfer direction of the window glass; and
a window runner, which is fixed to the window glass from a vehicle cabin side and
which operatively engages with the guide rail, wherein the window glass has an exterior
surface, wherein the window runner is entirely disposed inboard of the exterior surface of
the window glass, and wherein the window runner moves along the guide rail, when the
window glass is transferred, wherein

said window glass includes first and second pieces laminated together, and a portion of said window runner is fixed between said first and second window pieces.

13. (Currently amended) In a vehicle of the type comprising a door, and a window glass supported for slidable movement with respect to said door, the improvement comprising improved support structure for supporting said window glass in said vehicle, the improved support structure comprising:

a guide rail provided in said door and facing toward a cabin side of the vehicle, for guidingly receiving a portion of a window runner therein;

at least one window runner adhesively affixed to the window glass on the cabin side of the vehicle and which operatively engages with the guide rail, wherein said window runner comprises:

a junction which is adhesively affixed to the window glass,

an engagement part; and

a connector portion which extends between and operatively interconnects the junction and the engagement part,

wherein the junction has a cross-sectional width which is greater than a cross-sectional width of the engagement part,

and wherein said engagement part engages with the guide rail, and is movable

in the ups-and-downs direction of the window glass.

14. (Currently amended) The improved ~~support~~ support structure of claim 13, wherein the support structure comprises a plurality of window runners adhesively affixed to the window glass proximate opposed side edges thereof on the cabin side of the vehicle,

wherein said window runners are arranged in two spaced apart substantially linear arrays.

15. (Previously presented) The improved support structure of claim 13, wherein said connector portion is a shaft having a smaller diameter than that of the junction, and wherein said junction and said engagement part are each substantially disc-shaped.

16. (Currently amended) ~~The improved support structure of claim 13, In a vehicle of the type comprising a door, and a window glass supported for slidable movement with respect to said door, the improvement comprising improved support structure for supporting said window glass in said vehicle, the improved support structure comprising:~~

a guide rail provided in said door and facing toward a cabin side of the vehicle, for guidingly receiving a portion of a window runner therein;

at least one window runner adhesively affixed to the window glass on the cabin side of the vehicle and which operatively engages with the guide rail, wherein said window runner comprises:

a junction which is adhesively affixed to the window glass,

an engagement part; and

a connector portion which extends between and operatively interconnects

the junction and the engagement part,

wherein said engagement part engages with the guide rail, and is movable in the ups-and-downs direction of the window glass, and wherein

the window glass comprises a first window piece, which is placed in an external side of the vehicle, and a second window piece, which is placed in a vehicle's cabin side, wherein

the junction of the window runner is sandwiched between the first window piece and the second window piece, and one side surface of the junction is bonded to the first window piece, and the other side surface of the junction is bonded to the second window piece.

17. (Previously presented) The improved support structure of claim 13, wherein a dimension in the ups-and-downs direction of the junction is larger than a dimension in the fore-and-rear direction of the junction.

18. (Previously presented) The improved support structure of claim 13, wherein the window glass has an exterior surface which is substantially flush with a body of the vehicle, and wherein the window runner is entirely disposed inboard of the exterior surface of the window glass.

19. (New) The supporting structure of a window glass of a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the engagement part is substantially disk-shaped.

20. (New) The supporting structure of a window glass of a vehicle according to claim 13, wherein the engagement part is substantially disk-shaped.